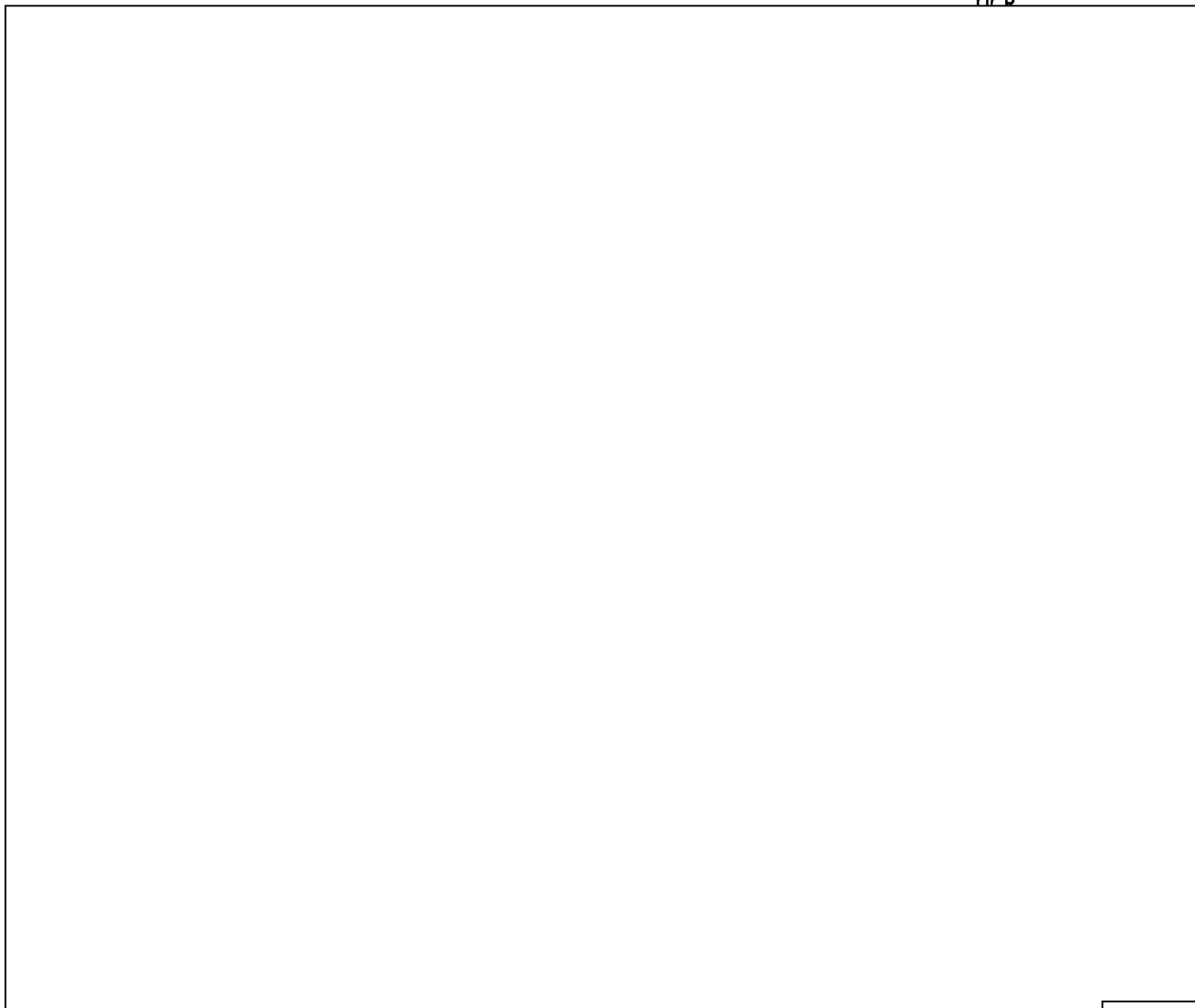


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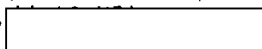


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1. IRAN-IRAQ: NEW IRANIAN PREPARATIONS

//THE IRANIANS APPEAR TO BE STRENGTHENING THEIR POSITIONS NEAR THE MARSH AREAS FOR MORE ATTACKS THAT PROBABLY WILL COINCIDE WITH A MAJOR OFFENSIVE AGAINST AL BASRAH TO THE SOUTH.



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IRAQI MILITARY SPOKESMEN SAID THIS WEEKEND THAT BAGHDAD WILL TEMPORARILY REFRAIN FROM STRIKING LOADING FACILITIES ON KHARK ISLAND IF THE IRANIANS ALLOW IRAQ TO BEGIN EXPORTING OIL AGAIN THROUGH THE GULF. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: //THE IRANIAN PREPARATIONS NEAR THE MARSHES PROBABLY WILL PRECEDE NEW, LARGER ATTACKS TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE STRATEGIC ROAD FROM BAGHDAD TO AL BASRAH. SUCH ATTACKS PROBABLY WILL COINCIDE WITH A MAJOR OFFENSIVE AGAINST AL BASRAH, WHICH THE IRANIANS MAY LAUNCH WHEN THEY HAVE FINISHED MOVING THEIR REGULAR UNITS TO THE SOUTH LATER THIS WEEK. THE IRAQIS HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE IRANIAN REDEPLOYMENTS AND CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR DEFENSES IN THE SOUTH. [REDACTED]

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